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FROM:

Gregg A. Galecki, Sr. Reclamation Specialist

RE:

2002 Second Quarter Water Monitoring, West Ridge Resource Inc., West Ridge

Mine, C/007/041-WQ02-2

1. Were data submitted for all of the MRP required sites?

YES [x]

NO[]

Identify sites not monitored and reason why, if known:

2. On what date does the MRP require a five-year resampling of baseline water data.

See Technical Directive 004 for baseline resampling requirements. Consider the fiveyear baseline resubmittal when responding to question one above. Indicate if the MRP does not have such a requirement.

Resampling Due Date

Commitment to samples every fifth year, beginning with the first mid-term review (p. 7-20): next mid-term due 10/01/06.

3. Were all required parameters reported for each site?

YES[X] NO[]

Comments, including identity of monitoring site:

Two Spring sites (SP-8, SP15) that are normally sampled with lab analysis were barely flowing during the 2nd quarter. Flow at both sites was estimated to be approximately 0.1 gpm and field parameters were the only parameters collected.

4. Were irregularities found in the data?

YES[x] NO[]

Comments, including identity of monitoring site:



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The depth to water at Well DH-86-2, which increased approximately 14.5-ft from1998 through March 2001, continues to drop. Water levels dropped an additional 6-feet from the 1st to 2nd quarter, making a total drop in elevation of 38-ft since March 2001. Construction work conducted around the well lowered the surface casing approximately 5-ft from the 1st to 2nd quarter 2001, accounted for some of the variance noted earlier. The Operator has been questioned, and indicated no significant inflow of water into the mine has been encountered. This will continue to be monitored in the future.

Monitoring sites Spring S-80 and Streams ST-9 and ST-10, had data for the 2nd quarter only and no historic data. These sites have been added to the monitoring program with the Whitmore tract. Additional baseline data, associated with Spring S-80, will be submitted electronically by the operator in the future. Any available data for ST-9 and ST-10 will also be submitted.

No other irregularities were found in the data.

5. Were DMR forms submitted for all required sites?

1st month, YES [x] NO []
2nd month, YES [x] NO []
3rd month, YES [x] NO []

Identify sites and months not monitored:

April 2002 was the only hard copy available in the SLC Division office. The mine-inspector was contacted and confirmed the information has been submitted to DWQ. The Operator has been contacted and will submitted the remaining hard copies to the Division in the near future.

6. Were all required DMR parameters reported?

YES[X] NO[]

Comments, including identity of monitoring site:

Sites were dry so no parameters were reported, with the exception of 'No Discharge".

7. Were irregularities found in the DMR data?

YES [] NO [x]

Comments, including identity of monitoring site:

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8. Based on your review, what further actions, if any, do you recommend?

No further action is necessary for the 02-2 (2nd) Quarter 2002.

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